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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that small business concerns should continue to play an active role in assisting the United States military, Federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies, and State and local police forces by designing and developing innovative products to combat terrorism, and that Federal, State, and local governments should aggressively seek out and purchase innovative technologies and services from small business concerns to improve homeland defense and aid in the fight against terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2003

Mr. WYNN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Small Business

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, the Pentagon's Technical Support Working Group, which is responsible for seeking new technologies to assist the military, requested that the people of the United States submit ideas regarding innovative methods to better fight terrorism;

Whereas during the first 2 months after such request, more than 12,500 ideas were submitted to the Technical Support Working Group, most of them from small business concerns;

Whereas small business concerns remain the most innovative sector of the United States economy, accounting for the vast majority of new product ideas and technological innovations;

Whereas the participation of small business concerns in the Federal procurement process is vital to the defense of the United States; and

Whereas despite their achievements, small business concerns often have difficulty marketing and supplying goods and services to Federal, State, and local governments: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) small business concerns should continue to
4 play an active role in assisting the United States
5 military, Federal intelligence and law enforcement
6 agencies, and State and local police forces by design-

1 ing and developing innovative products to combat
2 terrorism; and

3 (2) Federal, State, and local governments
4 should aggressively seek out and purchase innovative
5 technologies and services from, and promote re-
6 search opportunities for, small business concerns to
7 improve homeland defense and aid in the fight
8 against terrorism.

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